GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3433
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2002
ROYALTY ON MINERALS IN TAMIL NADU
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) the details of mines in Tamil Nadu and minerals obtained therefrom;

(b) the royalty given to the State for each of such minerals during the last three years;

(c) whether this royalty is likely to be increased; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): As per information furnished by Indian Bureau of Mines, a subordinate office under Department of Mines, the number of reporting mines, quantity and value of minerals covered under Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957, produced in Tamil Nadu for the years 1998-99 to 2000-2001, are given in Annexure.

(b) to (d): Even though the rates of royalty on major minerals is fixed by the Central Government, the royalty on minerals is collected and retained by the concerned State Governments as per the rates specified in the Second Schedule to the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Act, 1957 under section 9 of the said Act. No royalty is collected or retained by the Central Government. Details of revenue/royalty collected by the State Governments is not centrally maintained. As per the provision of the said Act, rates of royalty can not be enhanced more than once during any period of three years. The rates of royalty for major minerals (other than coal, lignite and sand for stowing) have been notified on 12.9.2000. Revised rates of royalty for lignite were notified on 15th March, 2001.

ANNEXURE

ANNEXURE REFERRED TO IN THE REPLY TO UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3433 TO BE ANSWERED IN THE LOK SABHA ON 15.4.2002 REGARDING ROYALTY ON MINERALS IN TAMIL NADU.

Statement showing the number of reporting mines, quantity and value of mineral production in Tamil Nadu +

(Value in Rs. 000)

		1998-99			1999-2000			2000-2001		
Mineral	Unit of Quantity	No. of Mines	Quantity	Value	No. of Mines	Quantity	Value	No. of Mines	Quantity	Value
Lignite	000 t	2	18168	8679469	2	17551	8325626	2	18270	8681446
Bauxite	Tonne	5	239531	29946	7	137709	15645	7	256860	29662
BallclayTonne		1	0	0	1	1000	150	1	623	93
Dunite	Tonne	0	10915	1489	0	12164	1860	0	1304	1512
Felspar	Tonne	0	7061	1100	0	10482	1987	0	7549	673
FireclayTonne		10	46342	3301	9	42277	2731	7	27775	2138
Garnet Abrasive)	Tonne	10	132507	31728	13	193119	53205	16	273795	77307
Graphite	Tonne	2	33670	10174	2	20037	6167	2	34184	7457
Gypsum	Tonne	1	510	66	0	0	0	0	0	0
Laterite	Tonne	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lime Kankar	Tonne	1	218822	32495	1	206038	24312	1	235771	27821
Limeston	000 t	66	9469	1140092	64	10320	1159265	56	99381	106172

Magnesite	Tonne	9	260101	328802	8	212082	323699	7	242742	285735	
Quartz	Tonne	19	24687	10061	20	17539	7503	23	16933	7321	
Silica Sand	Tonne	1	876 263	2	770	662	2	2687	1778		
Steatite	Tonne	2	180	53	3	2716	473	2	24	2	
Sulphur	Tonne	0	1888	0	0	1757	0	0	7181	0	
Vermi-culite	Tonne	1	1230	2205	1	1332	2478	1	1590	3589	
Minor Minerals	-	0	0	236864	0	0	236864	0	0	236864	

+ Excluding Natural Gas and Petroleum Crude.